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PRICE, \$2 PER MONTH.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E. C. GEORGE STREET & CO., 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GORDON, Ludgate Circus, E. C. BATES & CO., 37, Wulbrook, E. C. SAMUEL DRAGON & CO., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street. W. M. WILLS, 151, Cannon Street, E. C.

PARIS AND EUROPE.—ANDRÉ PRINCE & CO., 30, rue Lafayette, Paris.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 21, Park Row.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BRAY & BLACK, San Francisco.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GORDON, Melbourne and Sydney.

CEYLON.—W. M. SMITH & CO., THE APOTHECARIES CO., Colombo.

SINGAPORE, STRAITS, &c.—SAYLE & CO., Square, Singapore. O. HEINRICH & CO., Malacca.

OHIO.—W. A. DE CRUZ, Singapore, Quilon & Co., Amoy, N. MOULLE, Funchay, HEDDE & CO., Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & WATSON, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & WATSON.

Banks.

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

- 1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.
- 2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.
- 3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.
- 4.—Interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.
- 5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
- 6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked *On Hongkong Savings Bank Business* is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.
- 7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, September 1, 1887.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital, \$7,500,000
Reserve Fund, \$3,990,000
Reserve Liability of Pro-
prietary, \$7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman—Hon. JOHN BELL IRVING.
Deputy Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
O. D. BOTTOMLEY, Esq.
Hon. A. P. McEWEN, Esq.
W. G. BRODIE, Esq.
H. L. DALRYMPLE, Esq.
H. HOPKINS, Esq.
B. LAYTON, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.
Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.
MANAGER.
Shanghai, EDWIN CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON MANAGERS.—London and Country Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
ON Fixed Deposits—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY OF
Mr. ALFRED TIDSWELL DUVAL
in our Firm ceased on the 31st December, 1887.

DEACON & Co.

Canton, 7th January, 1888.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY OF
the late Mr. RICHARD VON CAR-
LOWITZ and his Heirs in our Firm ceased
on the 31st December, 1887.

CARLOWITZ & Co.

Hongkong, January 21, 1888.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

A YOUNG AMERICAN, possessing ex-
cellent References, and having worked
in good business-houses as Correspondent,
Shipping, Insurance and General Clerk,
desires an APPOINTMENT as such in a
Bank or Mercantile Firm. Speaks, reads
and writes—English, German, French,
Spanish, Italian and Malay—Address:
'A. S. H.', c/o China Mail Office.

Hongkong, February 3, 1888.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEET-
ING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held
at the Office of the Company, Pedder's
Street, on FRIDAY, the 10th
February, at Nine, to receive a Statement
of the Accounts of the Company to the 31st
December, 1887, and the Report of the
General Managers, also to discuss any
matters that may be competently brought
before the Meeting.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 31st Instant to
the 10th February, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 26, 1888.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Nineteenth Ordinary Annual
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
in the above Company will be held at the
Offices of the Company, Pedder's Street,
on MONDAY, the 20th February instant,
at 12 o'clock (noon), to receive a Statement
of Accounts to the 31st December, 1887,
the Report of the General Managers, and to
elect a Consulting Committee and
Auditors.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 7th to the 20th
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General Managers.

Hongkong, February 3, 1888.

CHAS. J. GALT

Chronometer, Watch & Jewellers, Gold & Silver.

NAUTICAL & SURVEYING INSTRUMENTS.

VOIGTLANDER'S OPTICAL INSTRUMENTS.

BINOCULARS AND TELESCOPES.

RITCHIE'S LIQUID AND ADMIRALTY & IMPERIAL NAUTICAL BOXES.

English Silver & Electroplated Gold & Silver Jewellery in great variety.

DIAMOND

A Splendid Collection of Diamonds, Rubies, and other precious stones.

Business Notices.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

FOR SALE.

Smith's Glasgow Tobaccos:

SMITH'S CUT NAVY.

SMITH'S FLAKED GOLD LEAF.

SMITH'S GLASGOW MIXTURE.

SMITH'S GOLDEN BIRDSEYE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, January 9, 1888.

Victoria Hotel,

Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

THIS Extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most central and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost the entire harbour and within five minutes' walk of the principal Government Offices (including the Post Office), Banks, &c., has recently been much enlarged and improved and is now one of the principal Hotels in the place. The ROOMS are spacious, well ventilated and have just been refurnished in a most comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East. The Accommodation and Service of every kind will be found to be of the best description. An ample and varied TABLE D'HOTE is always provided and served in the spacious, large DINING HALL. The HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, Reading, Billiard and Smoking Rooms. The HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service. Continental languages are spoken.

Messrs. DORABJEE & HING KEE,
Proprietors.

Hongkong, September 16, 1885.

W. POWELL & Co.

LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S WARM CLOTHING.
CASHMERE AND MERINO VESTS.
CASHMERE AND MERINO COMBINATION GARMENTS.
CASHMERE HOSE, all sizes and colours.
KNITTED WOOL PETTICOATS.
KNITTED WOOL VESTS AND JACKETS.
WOOL SHAWLS AND HOODS.
KNITTED CATTERS AND BOOTS.
WOOL HATS AND TAM O' SHANTERS.
(TELEPHONE 21).
VICTORIA EXCHANGE, December 28, 1887.

ROBERT LANG & Co.

Tailors, Hatters, Shirtmakers & General Clothiers.
OTTOMAN ROAD (OPPOSITE HONGKONG HOTEL).

Auctions.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE following Particulars of SALE of
CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION,
to be held on the Spot, on MONDAY, the
6th day of February, 1888, at 4.30 p.m., are
published for general information.

By Command,
FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Hongkong, 28th January, 1888.

Particulars of the Letting by Public Auction
Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the
6th day of February, 1888, at 4.30
p.m., by Order of His Excellency the
Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land,
in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term
of 75 years.

Particulars of the Lot.

No. of Lot.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measure- ments.	Area in Acres, Roods, & Perches.	Estimated Value.	Notes.
1.	Rural Building Lot No. 55.	Southside of Mount Gardiner, The Peak.	6 ft. 6 in. x 100 ft. 6 in.	0 1 11 200	\$ 5	

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE following Particulars of SALE of
CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION,
to be held on the Spot, on WEDNESDAY,
the 8th day of February, 1888, at 4 p.m.,
are published for general information.

By Command,
FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Hongkong, 28th January, 1888.

Particulars of the Letting by Public Auction
Sale, to be held on WEDNESDAY,
the 8th day of February, 1888, at 4
p.m., by Order of His Excellency the
Governor, of Two Lots of Crown Land,
in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term
of 75 years.

Particulars of the Lots.

No. of Lot.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measure- ments.	Area in Acres, Roods, & Perches.	Estimated Value.	Notes.
1.	Rural Building Lot No. 56.	Southside of Mount Gardiner, The Peak.	6 ft. 6 in. x 100 ft. 6 in.	0 1 11 200	\$ 5	

Notices to Consignees.

GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Glenway*, having ar-
rived from the above Ports, Consignees
of Cargo by her and by the S.S. *France*,
from New York, are hereby informed that
their Goods are being landed at their
risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong
and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co.,
Ltd., at Kowloon, whence delivery may
be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded un-
less notice to the contrary be given before
5 p.m. To-day, the 3rd Instant.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the
10th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 3, 1888.

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. *Polythymia*, Capt. SCHAEFER,
having arrived from the above Ports,
Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested
to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-
signature by the Undersigned, and to take
immediate delivery of their Goods from
alongside.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will
be landed into the Godowns of the Kow-
loon Free and Godown Co., and stored at
Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods
remaining undelivered after the 7th Feb.
will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods
are to be left in the Godowns, where they
will be examined on the 7th February.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
SIEMSEN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 31, 1888.

Shipping.

Steamers.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARVEN, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

The Co's Steamship
Changsha,
J. G. WILLIAMS, Com'dr,
will be despatched as above on
SUNDAY, the 5th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 3, 1888.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Shipping Cargo & Passengers at through rates
for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW
CHANG, TIEN-TSIN, HANKOW and
on the YANGTZE.

The Co's Steamship
Bellevue,
Capt. GUTHRIE, will be
despatched as above on
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Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL CITY HALL.

THE HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY
WILL PERFORM
GILBERT & SULLIVAN'S OPERETTA
'THE SORCERER.'

THURSDAY,
9th February, at 9 o'clock p.m.
Tickets may be obtained from Messrs.
LANE, CHAWFORD & Co., on and after Wed-
nesday, 1st February, at 9 a.m. Price, \$2.
R. LYALL,
Acting Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, January 28, 1888. 144

To Let.

ROOMS in 'COLLEGE CHAMBERS.'
GODOWN in ICE HOUSE LANE, lately
occupied by Messrs. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
from the 1st May.
Apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, February 3, 1888. 504

TO BE LET.

UNFURNISHED WITH TENNIS COURT.
NO. 5, RICHMOND TERRACE, a FOUR
ROOMED HOUSE, with Three
Bath Rooms.
No. 6, RICHMOND TERRACE, a SIX
ROOMED HOUSE, with Three Bath
Rooms.
A NEW STORY has just been added
to the Servants' Quarters of both houses.
Apply to
JOHN WILLIAMS,
Hongkong Dispensary.
Hongkong, January 27, 1888. 142

TO BE LET.

(With Immediate Possession.)
TWO DESIRABLE RESIDENCES situated
in Causeway Road, West end Terrace
opposite to Rose Villas.
Apply to
No. 14, CAUSEWAY ROAD.
October 31, 1887. 2130

Advertisements.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.
FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND
YOKOHAMA.

The Co.'s Steamship
Andrey,
Commanded by DE LA CHAIX,
will be despatched for
the above Ports TODAY (SATURDAY), at
9 p.m.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, February 4, 1888. 167

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship
Patented,
Capt. JACKSON
THURSDAY, the 9th

To-day's Advertisements.

ZETLAND LODGE.

No. 525.
AN Emergency MEETING of the above
LODGE will be held in PARKERSON'S
Hall, Zetland Street, on TUESDAY
NEXT, the 7th February, at 5 for 5.30 p.m.
precisely. VISITING BRETHREN are cordially
INVITED.
Hongkong, February 4, 1888. 192

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be responsible for
any Debt contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:
ALLAN ROWE, Hawaiian brig, Captain J.
Phillips. - Weiler & Co.
AMPHITRITE, Austro-Hungarian steamer,
Captain G. Genschel. - Melchers & Co.
B. P. CHERRY, American ship, Captain
Hughes. - Douglas, Lapraik & Co.
CENTENIAL, American ship, Captain I.
M. Boares. - Russell & Co.
DOROTHEA, German barque, Capt. H. T.
Moller. - Simpson & Co.
EMU, British barque, Capt. W. Summers.
Order.
MANUEL, Spanish barque, Capt. Estival.
Remedios & Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVE LS.
February 3, 1888.
Frigate, Danish steamer, 307, C. A. Lund,
Helsing January 30, and Helsing Feb. 2.
General. - Arrived, KANBING & Co.
Tahiti, German steamer, 921, C. F.
Berthel, Saigon January 28, Rice. - Tung
Kee.
February 4.
Andrey, French str., 2480, Delacour,
Marseilles January 1, via Alexandria, Port
Said, Suez, Aden, Colombo, Singapore and
Saigon 31, Mails and General. - Messageries
Maritimes.
Bell-ephip, British str., 1,396, Guthrie,
Shanghai and Swatow February 3, General.
- HURTERFIELD & SWIRE.
Ardie, British steamer, 2,238, W. Ellis,
Sydney January 14, Tonkinville 18, Cook-
town 19, and Thursday Island 23, Coals and
General. - Russell & Co.
Tetanus, German str., 1,578, J. Peter-
sen, Nagasaki January 30, Coal. - TAKASIMA
COLLIERY.
Meriondshire, British steamer, 1,472,
Wilkins, Nagasaki January 31, Coal.
- ARADSON, BELL & Co.
Amphitrite, Austro-Hungarian steamer,
2,436, L. Lemesch, Trieste December 18,
and Singapore January 29, General. -
AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN Lloyd S. N. Co.
Tahiti, British steamer, 862, Joseph
Newton, Hongkong January 27, General and
Rice. - YEEN FAT HONG.

DEPARTURES.

February 4.
Acting for Hoihow and Pakhui.
Acting for Shanghai.
Non Pay, for Hoihow.
Polythymia, for Yokohama.
Fidela, for Amoy.
Lafin, for Swatow and Saigon.
Andrey, for Shanghai.

CLEARANCE.

Palmyra, for Amoy and Swatow, 9 a.m.
Coff, for Hoihow.
Mara, for Hoihow.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PASSED SUEZ CANAL.

OUTWARD BOUND. - Land of the Isles, Nov-
ember 29; Palamed, December, 23;
Austin Friar, Jan. 3; Diana, Me-
dusa, 13; Deva, December, 14; Glauco-
des, 17; Breconshire, 20;
Hesperia, Iracundia, Sarpidon, 24;
Hengary, 27; Achilles, Benterig,
Lochen, 31.
HOMeward BOUND. - Yorkshire, Decem-
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Frigga, Althacraig, 24; Glenagles,
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POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:-
For SINGAPORE. -
For Batavia, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the
5th February.
For HAIPHONG. -
For Fieje, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 5th
inst., instead of as previously notified.
For SAIGON. -
For Saigon, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the
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For BANGKOK. -
For Wyeon, at 3.30 p.m., on Monday,
the 6th inst., instead of as previously
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For STRAITS & BOMBAY. -
For Straits, at 9.30 a.m., on Tuesday, the
7th inst.
For MANILA. -
For Manila, at 3.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the
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For Saigon, at 4.30 p.m., on Tuesday,
the 7th inst.
For NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
For Tokio, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the
18th inst.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Daylight. - Police leaves for Swatow, &c.
Daylight. - Police leaves for Swatow, &c.
10 a.m. - Bellona leaves for Havre, &c.
Noon. - Bellona leaves for London.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

UNION CHURCH. - Divine Worship, 11
a.m. - Rev. G. H. Bondfield, Service in
Chinese, 2 p.m. - Rev. J. Chalmers, M.A.,
LL.D.
ST. JAMES'S SERVICES. - The Services for
Season which have been hitherto held in
the Mission Church, Queen's Road, will be
held in the future in Union Church. On
Sunday and Friday evenings at 7.30. All
Seamen are invited to attend.
GERMAN BRETHEDS CHAPEL. - Service in
the German language, by Rev. F. Hartmann,
every Sunday, at half-past ten a.m., in the
Chapel of the Berlin Foundling House,
West Point.
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, Garden Road. -
9 a.m. Mass and Sermon. 5.30 p.m. Even-
ing Service, Benediction.
ST. PETER'S SEAMEN'S CHURCH, Sailors'
Home. - Service every Sunday at 6 p.m.
Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m. on the Second
Sunday; and after the evening Service on
the Fourth Sunday of each month. Service
every Thursday at 6 p.m.
TEMPERANCE HALL, 7.30 p.m. - Undenominational Meeting.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

A PAINTER who gave his name as Yip
Ahong has had a bitter disappointment in
connection with his New Year arrange-
ments. It appears that in order to fully
celebrate the festive season he had deemed
it necessary to collect a large fund, but he
unfortunately neglected to keep in view the
line of demarcation between legal and ille-
gal methods of procedure. The other day
he so far forgot himself that he went on
board a junk, opposite the Central Market,
and threatened to inflict corporal punish-
ment upon the wife of the boatman if she
failed to contribute to his New Year's fund.
The woman, having no money handy, was
compelled to decline, and Ahong left vow-
ing that he would return and wreak ven-
geance on her. When he returned the
master of the junk was present, and there
was a lull in the immediate neighbour-
hood. The reckless Ahong, blind to every-
thing except that he must have a glorious
New Year festival, arrogantly demanded
three dollars from the boatman, and swore
that if he did not get it he would bring
along a band of his brothers and make gen-
eral havoc. At this juncture the lull
came to an end, and the result was that
Mr. Woodhouse to-day sent Ahong to pris-
on for six months.

We hear that the Chinese merchants and
traders have resolved to hold a meeting
in a day or two, to discuss the proposed
Bill for the Registration of Imports and
Exports. As our correspondent 'S.' has
twice pointed out, but little attempt was
made by the Chamber of Commerce to get
at the native feeling about the Bill - in
fact, until within the last few days the na-
tive merchants and traders did not know
what the thing was all about. It is only
fair, however, to note that the Registrar
General has endeavoured, on the part of
the Government, to explain the measure
to the Chinese. We learn that he called
together a number of the leading Chinese
merchants and importers, two or three
days ago, and went over the various sec-
tions of the Bill with them, explaining to
them the drift of the Ordinance. One or
two objections were taken or suggested,
made, but so far the principle of the Bill
is believed to have been in the main ac-
cepted - whatever that may mean, in a
Chinese sense. The Government have also,
we are informed, within the last few days
sent round amongst the Chinese a thou-
sand and copies of the Draft Ordinance, printed
in Chinese. It would have been highly
advisable and most useful had this been
accompanied by a brief explanation of the
objects which the Government have in view
in introducing such a measure, at the
suggestion of the Chamber of Commerce;
but we are led to believe that the Regis-
trar General had done his utmost to make
it clear that the law is proposed for the
sole object of obtaining returns of trade.
The views of the Chinese will probably ap-
pear more fully in the next issue.

THE TIMES of Canton publishes the fol-
lowing telegram:-Nuwa, Elyu, Jan. 10th.
The O. B. C. bank here was broken into
last night and the whole of the silver and
jewellery stolen from the strong room. Mr.
Meats, the manager, was heavily drugged.
He was alone in the bungalow with one
servant only, and fell asleep immediately
after his dinner. He has some recollec-
tion of being undressed and put to bed, and
then being asked for his keys by some one,
which he refused; but they ultimately got
them, but fortunately could not open the
safe with the notes. Part of the strong
room was broken down.

RICE MILLS FOR JAPAN. - Messrs. J. Cop-
land and Co., engineers and millwrights,
Pulteney-street, Engine Works, Glasgow,
have just shipped to Higo a complete
automatic rice-milling plant, which is ca-
pable of pearly 70 tons of rice per day.
The machinery includes five hulling mills,
coated polishing cones, four pearly mills
for brush and sheeps, and the requisite
elevators, separators, rollers, and fan
mountings. The engines and boilers have
been supplied by the same firm, the former
being of the compound jet-condensing type,
fitted with expansion valves, and the boilers
for which the Cornish type has been adopt-
ed, have been built of Siemens Martin steel
and are fitted with special furnaces for burn-
ing the husks from the rice. The same
firm have also in hand a flour mill with
engine and boiler for the same country.

A MISSION TO SIAM. - The Daily News
states: - Lieut. General Sir Andrew Clarke,
R.E., G.C.M.G., and other influential Gen-
tlemen, are now on their way to Siam,
charged with a mission of considerable im-
portance. For a long time there has been
a strong desire amongst the King of Siam,
and to construct railways and open up
trade through Siam and Western China.
Syndicates of American and German capi-
talists have more than once made serious
efforts in that direction, but always failed,
owing to the hostility of the King of Siam.
The Chinese, on the other hand, are not
unfavourable to such a project. Under-
stood by others' want of success, a syndicate
of English capitalists have resolved to make
another endeavour to open up the closed
territory. There is good reason for taking
a hopeful view of the venture, as Sir An-
drew Clarke is well known to the King of
Siam, and has considerable influence there.

That I am anxious to know what matters of
finance it is desirable to hide from those
who have to pay the paper, excepting
details of armaments or other defences;
and these were more fully made known
by General Cameron, when he was acting
Governor, than they had ever been be-
fore.

That any possible secrecy in such quarters
will throw the greater responsibility upon
the unofficial members, who ought to fight
persistently against this spirit of exclusiv-
ness which is still abroad.

That, with all respect to His Excellency, I
think he might have been more firm and
decided in his condemnation of all 'closed
door' procedure.

That we are probably not so far off a Con-
stitution as some people think - given a lit-
tle more Colonial Office high-handedness,
and I should say a change would speedily
come.

That I quite agree with our City Fathers in
thinking that the scarcity of small coins
of the realm is a very great incon-
venience; I have often felt it.

That I regret to say that personally I feel
the greater scarcity of the larger coinage
a very much more serious inconvenience,
and I trust they will speedily set about
finding a remedy for that also.

That at the same time it does seem strange
that we cannot even keep up our supply
of these small coins without everlastingly
considering the notions of Her Majesty's
Lords of the Treasury.

That it is regarded by the Chinese as an
unpleasant event that the recent proce-
dure has had the effect of considerably
abating the outbreak of small-pox.

That the effects of vaccination, the influence
of rain, and the other means adopted by
the authorities appear as nothing com-
pared the wonderful and mysterious power
of this procession of Josses.

That some of the Chinese now think that
the Governor, having put his official seal
upon this procession, should show
in some way his appreciation of this
mysterious achievement, and go, with all
his officials and the Sanitary Board, in
solemn procession to the native temple,
there to acknowledge the favours vouch-
safed by the gods to the poor suffering
people.

That I have my suspicions that this notion
emanates from some unbelieving Cele-
stial, who enjoys the homages paid by
Government to the Chinese beliefs, but
believes neither in Confucius' codes of
morality nor in anything better.

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might have occurred to His
one.

Governor must somehow have
ended the meaning of Mr.
marks, as he seemed to think
the Press of the press

THAT Clapham Junction has attained to the
largest amount of concentrated 'through
traffic' of any place in the United King-
dom, but I am not aware that any
striking benefits have accrued to the
neighbourhood in consequence.

That the Public are glad to see from the
report of the Seamen's Chaplain that the
work amongst seamen here is prospering
and bearing fruit.

That Sunday-work in this port should

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French diplomats consider that the French troops should remain in the New Hebrides until Egypt is evacuated by the British.

THE NEW HEBRIDES.

London, Jan. 7.—A provision is included in the new Hebrides Convention which pledges France to allow British subjects equal commercial privileges in the Leeward Islands (Pacific) with those enjoyed by the French. It further guarantees that no convicts shall be sent to the Leeward Islands.

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DEATH OF CAPTAIN FITZGERALD.
London, Jan. 3.—The death is announced of Captain Charles Fitzgerald, who was Governor of Western Australia from August, 1848, to June, 1855.

RAID BY MONTENEGRINS IN BULGARIA.
London, Jan. 7.—A body of Montenegrins made a raid near Bourgas, in Bulgaria. The Montenegrins, who were commanded by a Russian officer, were

London, Jan. 8.—The raid which was made by Montenegrin insurgents in the vicinity of Bourgos, on the Bulgarian frontier, under the direction of a Russian military officer, is generally supposed to have been organised by M. Zankoff, with the assistance of the Slav committees at Moscow and Odessa.

London, Jan. 10. — Further particulars in regard to the raid which was made by Montenegrin insurgents in the vicinity of Bourgas, on the Bulgarian frontier, show that

RUSSIAN MOVEMENTS.
London, Jan. 2.—Count Lebanoff, the Russian ambassador in London, has announced that the Russian army has captured the town of Luga, in the province of Pskov, and that the Russian troops have suppressed the revolt of the Montenegrins who commanded the troops who suppressed the revolt.

... Ambassador at Vienna, has written
on Count Kalnoky pacific assurances
reference to the massing of Russian
troops on the frontier, but Austria doubts
the sincerity of these assurances.

Jan. 3.—The Paris journals admit that
Russia has massed 250,000 infantry, 25,000
cavalry, and 800 guns on the Austrian

impression exists that Rumundov has formulated fresh proposals in connection with the Bulgarian question.

London, Jun. 10.—A demonstration of the crofters yesterday by 1,000 crofters in the neighbourhood of Lewis, off the west coast of Scotland. The crofters, carrying flags, marched to a large crofting farm, and were preceded by a band of pipers. Despite the opposition of the military force which was called out, the demonstration was successful.

drove all the stock off the farm. The officer commanding the troops was wounded in the encounter which took place. Several of the crofters were wounded, 13 of their number were arrested.

OF AND AUSTRIA—THE ITALIAN ENVOY INSULTED.

Monday, Jan. 10.—Many troops from Moscow

that M. Portal, who recently pro-
ceeded on a special mission with the view
of inducing King Johannes of Abyssinia,
for peace with the Italian Govern-
ment, has been subjected to a series of in-
juries at Addis Ababa, the Abyssinian
capital, who showed

NEW AUSTRALIAN MAIL ROUTE.
Aden, Jan. 12.—Mr Raikes, the
Postmaster-General, is having inquiries
made to the facilities which exist for the
transport of mails to India and Australia via

THE DOUGLASS DIVORCE CASE.
Boston, January 11.—Mr Dion Dou-
glas, the well-known dramatist and
author, has appealed against the divorce
brought against him by his wife
postponed for six months. The

ANOTHER DYNAMITE PLOT.
—The police have succeeded in discovering another dynamite object of which was to destroy the buildings in Cork.

IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced
Paris Figaro, of a valuable remedy
for debility, physical exhaustion,
and nerve decay. The discovery

a missionary in Old Mexico; it
 from a miserable existence and
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